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SUBJECT: MFA OFFICIALS REACTION TO TURKISH-CYPRUS PROPOSALS

1. DURING A CALL ON MFA POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL TZOUNIS APRIL 21 TO DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS, TZOUNIS, WHO HAD JUST COME FROM A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, COMMENTED TO THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON THE TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS. HE SAID THE GOG HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM NICOSIA A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT HANDED TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU BY UNSYG WALDHEIM ON APRIL 19 (AND THIS HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN THE SUBJECT OF THE MEETING AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE).

2. THE DOCUMENT, WHICH CONSISTS OF 21 PAGES, IS ENTITLED "MAIN ASPECTS OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS." AS THE TITLE SUGGESTS, TZOUNIS SAID, IT IS PRIMARILY AN OUTLINE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS AND NOT THE PROPOSALS THEMSELVES. HE THEN READ EXTENSIVELY FROM THE DOCUMENT TO ILLUSTRATE HIS POINT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY OF REPRESENTATION FOR THE
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TWO COMMUNITIES, WHICH THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS INSIST ON THROUGHOUT, WOULD RESULT IN "INSTITUTIONALIZED DEADLOCK". THE PROPOSALS WERE OBVIOUSLY A "NON-STARTER," HE CONCLUDED.

3. TZOUNIS SAID THAT AT MONTREUX CARAMANLIS TOLD ECEVIT HE HOPED THE TURKISH SIDE WOULD MAKE REASONABLE PROPOSALS SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT INVITE AN IMMEDIATE REJECTION BY THE GOC. IF THE

PROPOSALS WERE REASONABLE, HE PROMISED ECEVIT, HE WOULD TRY TO
USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH KYPRIANOU IN SUPPORT OF THE RESUMPTION OF
NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, THE INITIAL GOG REVIEW OF THE PROPOSALS
LED IT TO THE CONCLUSION THAT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU HAD NO CHOICE
BUT TO REJECT THE PROPOSALS. THE NEXT STEP, TZOUNIS CONCLUDED,
WAS UP TO WALDHEIM AND WE SHOULD WAIT AND SEE WHAT HE SAYS.
TZOUNIS WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF AS TO WHETHER WE SHOULD EXPECT
A STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSALS FROM CARAMANLIS THIS EVENING.

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